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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A cargo retention rail system molded as an integral part of a vehicle floor panel ~~for securing cargo in a vehicle cargo area~~ comprising in cooperative combination:

molding at least one cargo retention rail ~~molded~~ into a vehicle floor panel, said cargo retention rail having a channel with an exposed opening for accepting a cargo retention locking device;

a cargo retention locking device; and

a cargo retaining device mountable to said cargo retention locking device;
thereby allowing for cargo to be securely positioned within a vehicle cargo area.

2. (currently amended) The cargo retention rail system as claimed in Claim 1 comprising, ~~there are~~ molding a pair of parallel spaced apart retention rails into said vehicle floor panel.

3. (currently amended) The cargo retention rail system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said at least one cargo retention rail is composed of extruded aluminum.

4. (currently amended) The cargo retention rail system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said at least one cargo retention rail is composed of a polymer.

5. (original) The cargo retention rail system as claimed in Claim 4 wherein, said polymer is an engineered resin.

6. (original) The cargo retention rail system as claimed in Claim 2 wherein, said pair of parallel spaced apart retention rails is positioned with their longitudinal axis in line with the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

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7. (original) The cargo retention rail system as claimed in Claim 2 wherein, said pair of parallel spaced apart retention rails is positioned with their longitudinal axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

8. (canceled)